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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 13-20, with the following paragraph.

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention said grafted oligoamine is grafted to said polysaccharide chain by a bond selected from the group consisting of amine, amide and carbamate. In another preferred embodiment, the oligoamine has the formula:

NH₂-(CH₂)_x-N-(R)-CH₂-N-(R')-(CH₂)_y-NH₂-[(CH₂)_z-N-(R)-(CH₂)_y-N-(R')-(CH₂)_z]_n-NH₂

wherein x, y, z are an integer between 0 and 4 and x+y+z is between 1 and 4 and n is at least 1 when x+y+z=2 or more, or at least 2 when x+y+z=1 and wherein R and R' groups are H or an aliphatic side group of 1 to 6 carbons.